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(Case No. 00-659-A)

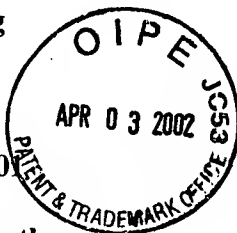
#7/B PATENT

In re Application of: Jing )

Serial No.: 09/995,515 )

Filed: November 28, 2000 )

For: Transforming Growth )  
Factor-Beta-Related Molecules )  
and Uses Thereof )



Before the Examiner: Unassigned

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment before examination on the merits.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 21-23 as follows:

b' Figure 1 illustrates the cDNA sequence for isoform 1 of the human TGF- $\beta$ -R gene (SEQ ID NO: 1) and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) of the polypeptide encoded by this gene.

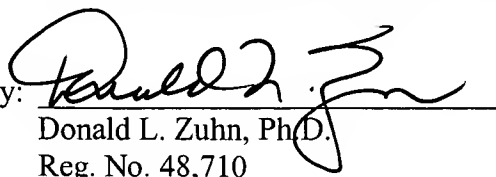
REMARKS

If the Examiner believes it to be helpful, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: April 3, 2002

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